



Wisconsin BadgerCare Plus Demonstration Project Waiver

Wisconsin Division of Health Care
Access and Accountability
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Housekeeping Items

- Today's forum is being recorded.
- If you would like to speak today, please fill out a form.
 - Each form has a number, we will call speakers in sequential order.
 - Please return your form after you speak.
 - There is room to leave additional comments, if you wish to do so, on the form.
- Please limit time to 2 minutes.
- Additional comments may be submitted after today's forum.
- Today's forum will end at 5:00 p.m.

Presentation Outline

- Forum Purpose
- Wisconsin's Health Care Coverage Goals
- BadgerCare Reform Waiver
 - Goals
 - Program Changes
 - Evaluation
- Outreach and Enrollment Efforts
- Current BadgerCare Plus Enrollment
Comments and Feedback from the Audience

Forum Purpose

- Because of changes in state law, BadgerCare Plus program rules changed on April 1, 2014.
- In order to make these changes, Wisconsin had to get permission from the federal government through the BadgerCare Reform Waiver.
- Since April 1, 2014, all adults living in poverty can get the same level of health care coverage through BadgerCare Plus.
 - No waitlist.
 - No program cap.
 - No annual enrollment fee.

Forum Purpose

- Annual requirement of the BadgerCare Reform Waiver:
 - Update the public on the progress of the waiver; and
 - Get comments and feedback from the public on the progress of the waiver.
- DHS would like input on the changes to BadgerCare Plus that are a result of this waiver.
 - Coverage for adults with no dependent children; and
 - Coverage and monthly premiums for parents and caretaker relatives enrolled in BadgerCare Plus through an extension.



Wisconsin's Health Care Coverage Goals

- Ensure every Wisconsin resident has access to affordable health care coverage and reduce the state's uninsured rate.
- Provide a standard set of health care benefits for low-income individuals that will lead to:
 - Increased access to health care;
 - Improved health care outcomes; and
 - A healthier Wisconsin.



BadgerCare Reform Waiver: Goals

- Increase member participation in their health care.
- Improve health care outcomes.
- Improve the cost-effectiveness of Medicaid services by providing the right services to the right person at the right time in the most appropriate health care setting.

BadgerCare Reform Waiver: Program Changes

- Provide health care coverage to childless adults living in poverty.
- Provide Standard Plan benefits to all BadgerCare Plus members.
 - Eliminate the Benchmark and Core Plans.
 - More services are covered under the Standard Plan than the Benchmark Plan and Core Plan.
- Services include:
 - Additional outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment services;
 - Dental Services;
 - Medical transportation to and from a covered service; and
 - Generic and brand name prescription drugs and some over-the-counter (OTC) drugs.

BadgerCare Reform Waiver: Program Changes

- **BadgerCare Plus Extension:** If a parent or caretaker relative has an increase in earnings or child/spousal support that increases their income above the poverty level, they will stay enrolled through an extension and be required to pay a monthly premium.
- BadgerCare Plus parents and caretaker relatives will be subject to the following monthly premiums while they are in the extension:
 - Parents and caretaker relatives with incomes between 100 and 133% FPL will be required to pay monthly premiums **after** the first six calendar months of extension coverage; and
 - Parents and caretaker relatives with incomes above 133% FPL will be required to pay monthly premiums when the extension coverage begins.

BadgerCare Reform Waiver: Program Changes

- Monthly BadgerCare Plus Extension premiums for parents and caretaker relatives are based on the monthly premiums they would pay through the federal Health Insurance Marketplace at HealthCare.gov.
- The monthly premiums of someone enrolled through an extension aligns with the premiums of adults with the same household income who are purchasing private health insurance coverage through the federal Health Insurance Marketplace.

BadgerCare Reform Waiver: Evaluation

- **Adults with no dependent children:**
 - Test the impact of providing the same level of health care coverage to all adults in BadgerCare Plus.
 - We want to find out if these program changes will:
 - Improve health care outcomes;
 - Increase the cost-effectiveness of Medicaid services;
 - Reduce unnecessary services; and
 - Increase the continuity of health care coverage.

BadgerCare Reform Waiver: Evaluation

- **Parents and Caretakers enrolled through an Extension:**
 - Provide additional data regarding charging the same level of premiums in BadgerCare Plus as are charged by the Marketplace.
 - We want to find out if these program changes will:
 - Increase the cost-effectiveness of Medicaid services; and
 - Slow the growth of health care spending.



Outreach/Enrollment Efforts Cont.

- In late September 2013 through January 2014, the DHS sent out more than 400,000 letters to current members and individuals on the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan Waitlist about upcoming changes.
- DHS made more than 350,000 phone calls to ensure the letter was received, the individual understood the letter, and the individual is taking action to secure public or private health insurance coverage.
- DHS worked the Regional Enrollment Networks to help make sure Wisconsin residents learned about and understood their new health care coverage options.

Enrollment Counts

Childless Adults and Extension

- The data below show the number of members currently enrolled in the program that are affected by the policies contained in the BadgerCare Reform Waiver.

Demonstration Population	Current Enrollees
BC+ Childless Adults	111,432
Extension Adults; 100% to 133% FPL	10,904
Extension Adults; >133% FPL	3,849

Audience Feedback

Examples of feedback you may want to give:

- Have you used your new BadgerCare Plus coverage?
- What issues, if any, have you had with the BadgerCare Plus coverage?
- If you previously had coverage through the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan or General Assistance Medical Program (“GAMP”), what differences do you notice in the coverage?
- Are you more likely to get preventative care now that you have BadgerCare Plus coverage?

Audience Feedback

Examples of feedback you may want to give:

- Do you use an emergency room or a primary care doctor for your medical needs?
- Have you been able to see the medical provider of your choice?
- Do you think BadgerCare Plus coverage has made you healthier; or will make you healthier in the future?
- If you have questions about your BadgerCare Plus coverage or premium, who do you ask?
- If you have a premium, do you think it is affordable?
- What, if anything, would you recommend to improve your BadgerCare Plus coverage and health care experience?



Comments

Comments may be **submitted by August 10, 2014** by :

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